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“RUNAWAY” or “DRY POND”
GLOVER, VERMONT



C With Authentic Historical Sketches of the Event of the Running Away of “Long Pond” One Hundred Years Ago; of the Town of Glover and the Orleans County Historical Society. **C C C C**



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Historical Sketch of "Runaway Pond," Glover, Vermont



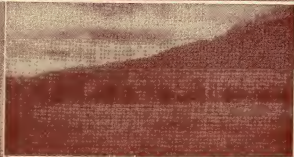
PREVIOUS to June 6, 1810, a body of water known as "Long Pond," nearly two miles in length and from one-half to three-fourths of a mile wide and very deep lay at the extreme south side of the town of Glover, extending a short distance into the town of Greensboro. A glance at the topography of Northeastern Vermont will show that this body of water was located on the very height of land between the Lamoille and Barton river divide and only a short distance from the great Connecticut and St. Lawrence river divide at an altitude of nearly fifteen hundred feet above sea level. It is claimed by some authorities that the highest cultivated land in Vermont is in the town of Greensboro not far from the location of this pond.

The natural outlet of this body of water was to the south, this shore being low and

flat, its waters forming one of the head branches of the Lamoille river. The east and west shores rose rather abruptly and were mountainous, but the north end shore which formed the only barrier between this little lake and its escape to the Barton river system, was but a low narrow strip of bank composed of a sandy soil, which sloped quite abruptly away to a small pond about one hundred rods to the north.

Thus we have a picture of what must have been a charming sheet of water on the very top of the green hills of this beautiful state, antedating June 6, 1810.

The small pond mentioned above as just to the north of "Long Pond" was then known as "Mud Pond," and its waters formed one of the head branches of the Barton river. On this stream were located gristmills but the stream was small and the water flow was not sufficient in dry seasons to carry the mills to the satisfaction of the owners, and so it was proposed to cut an artificial channel



Views of the dry bed of "Runaway Pond"

Historical Sketch of "Runaway Pond," Glover, Vermont (continued)

from the north end of "Long Pond" to its nearby but smaller neighbor, "Mud Pond," and thus increase the water flow on the stream below by taking a part of the surplus from the pond that naturally discharged its waters the other way. Accordingly on June 6, 1810, a company of persons assembled to dig the proposed channel.

Again referring to the north shore or bank of the pond through which this channel was to be made, Rev. Pliny H. White, the historian, says in his works: "Its northern shore consisted of a narrow belt of sand and a bank of light sandy earth; here had been formed a deposit spoken of as resembling frozen gravel, two or three inches in thickness and extending into the pond for five or six rods from the northern shore." S. R. Hall, A. M., another Vermont historian, says: "This barrier [speaking of the north shore] was no doubt the work of an ancient glacier, or one of the results of the drift, the marks of which are everywhere traced. The sand of which it was composed is similar to

that found on the banks of large rivers flowing through granitic regions, called, 'river sand.'"

After assembling as above stated, the men proceeded to dig the channel, leaving a few feet at the water's edge till the last. When all was ready the remaining few feet was dug out quickly. To the surprise of the workmen the water did not follow the channel far but descended into the fine sand beneath the thin layer of "hard pan" or "frozen gravel" and began gullying. It carried away so much sand, earth and bank that the men had to hurry away to save being drawn into the fast widening and deepening channel, full of a rushing torrent of water. In a few minutes the whole pond had escaped, making a channel for itself some 80 or 100 feet deep and from 300 to 400 feet wide, and was on its mad flight down through "Mud pond," taking with it a part of this pond's north bank. It then proceeded on its way down the Barton river valley sweeping everything before it, and in six



This view is the first impression one receives on entering the pond through the gulch made by the water at the north end. The camera set as near as could be ascertained directly where the bank was cut away for a height of some one hundred feet. The knoll in the center foreground close beside the road marks the site of the memorial tablet.

View into dry bed of "Runaway Pond"

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hours had reached Lake Memphremagog, a distance of 28 miles. Throughout its course trees were torn up, huge stones carried considerable distances, the gristmill belonging to Aaron Wilson located a little distance south of where Glover village now is, was swept away with the dam, and changed the course of the stream in places.

It was a majestic sight on its path of destruction, sometimes the water and its collection of debris being obstructed until it would dam up to a height of 60 feet and 20 rods wide, then breaking away with fresh vigor, boiling and raging on its way. After travelling a distance of 17 miles it moved a large rock estimated to weigh 100 tons several rods. It also swept away a mill about a mile north of where Barton village now is, but no life was lost. It must be remembered that there were no houses at that time on the present site of Glover village, it being a cedar swamp and was filled in with large quantities of sand and soil.

What buildings had been erected in Barton village were located back from the river on rising ground a sufficient distance to make them safe, except one near the present site of the fair ground. The water reached the eaves of the building, but did not carry it away.

As some have remarked, it was fortunate that the accident happened at that early date, if any accident is fortunate, for had the catastrophe happened, as it probably would have happened sometime, only a few years later the property loss would have been enormous and no doubt many would have lost their lives.

A much travelled main road now runs the whole length of the valley down which the waters of this pond swept and enters the dry bed of "Dry" or "Runaway" pond, as it has been called since June 6, 1810, through the great gulch cut by the outpouring waters, and traverses the entire length of the bed.



Views looking out of pond to north, through gulch cut away

The Orleans County Historical Society



THE Orleans County Natural and Civil Historical Society was formed in 1853. The object of this society was expressed in the first article of the constitution as follows:

"To promote the study of natural history, primarily in Orleans county and Northern Vermont, and also to collect and preserve, while the early settlers are able to furnish them, the items of interest in the civil history of the county, which would otherwise be soon lost to the future historian."

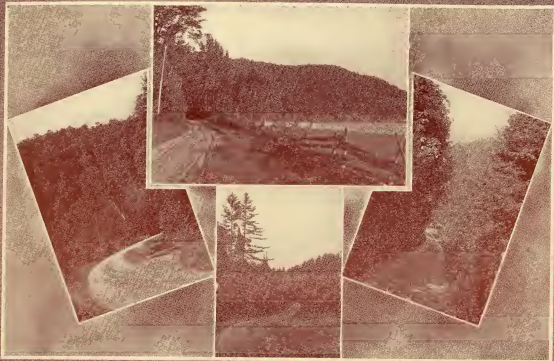
For several years this society was active. The most important work of the society was the publication of the history of the "Missisco" valley, (now spelled Missisquoi) by Samuel Sumner, Esq., with a brief introductory county history by S. R. Hall. Other material was published in the Vermont Historical Gazetteer.

At the time of the Civil war this society was discontinued because of the removal of

some members, death of others and lack of interest, but in 1869 reorganization was made under the name of "Orleans County Society of Natural Sciences." In 1887 reorganization was again made under the name of Orleans County Historical Society.

This society has since that date celebrated a number of events of county interest and through the efforts of the society and its members many things of interest have been investigated and authentic histories compiled and published, which will in coming years be even more valuable than now. Such an organization is of inestimable worth and should have the earnest support of the public at large. The object of each organization has been practically the same as that of the first, as stated above in the constitution of the first organization.

One important historical event this society has suitably celebrated and commemorated is the placing and unveiling with ceremonies of a marker in Hazen's Notch at the top of the mountains in Westfield, on August 21, 1903,



Road scenes along the "Dry Pond" road from Glover to Greensboro Bend

The Orleans County Historical Society (concluded)

where Col. Hazen discontinued the construction of that important military road, known as "Hazen's road." Hon. F. W. Baldwin at this time delivered an exhaustive historical address on the road and the events incident to its construction and a large crowd was present. One other work of the society may be mentioned here. That of placing with ceremonies a suitable marker near the village of Orleans where it is said rafts were landed to take pearlshes down the river to Memphremagog and into Canada in the early days. For this reason the place became known as "The Landing" and this is how "Barton Landing," lately changed to "Orleans," received its name.

The president of the organization now is Hon. B. F. D. Carpenter of Orleans, vice-president, Hon. F. W. Baldwin of Barton and the secretary, Dr. J. M. Currier of Newport. To these gentlemen may be given the credit of stirring up the people of Orleans County to the importance of suitably celebrating the 100th anniversary of the important event of the running away of

"Long Pond" on June 6, 1810.

S. R. Hall says of this society in connection with the history of "Runaway pond:" "June 6, 1860, half a century after the event, the Orleans County Historical Society appointed a special meeting at Glover, to celebrate the event, and several of the men who were engaged with others, in drawing Long pond, 50 years before, were present to hear the account of the event prepared by Rev. Pliny H. White. The meeting was one of great interest and will be long remembered by those who were present." However the account of the event prepared by Mr. White is not now in existence to the knowledge of anyone, many of the incidents connected with the event have been forgotten and no real adequate and authentic account of the event is in existence.

Hon. F. W. Baldwin, who delivers the address of the day on June 6, 1910, has spent much time and energy in the preparation of his article and it is undoubtedly the most complete and accurate record of the event from all points ever prepared.



View of Picnic Grounds at "Runaway Pond" and path leading to same



Believed by many to be the site of the Wilson Mill | swept away 100 years ago



Bit of Standing Foundation, Raceway and Remnant of Dam

Glover, Vermont, Its Past and Present



LOVER was granted by Congress June 27, 1781 to John Glover, a general in the Revolutionary war, as a reward for his distinguished military services. Others were associated with him in the grant. It was chartered November 20, 1783, and derived its name from Gen. Glover.

In 1793 James Vance passed through the town on his way to Canada, and believing the land to be very fertile, purchased 160 acres and five years later, in 1798, commenced a settlement. Mr. Vance lived in this town the remainder of his long life leaving a numerous progeny. Other settlers came in soon after and thus the march of civilization and progress in this wilderness town was begun. In 1800 there were 38 persons in town and in 1807 there were 250 individuals in the township. Today the population is about one thousand.

Glover has grown and prospered in all these years, the fertile lands of the valleys and hills yielding a competence to the industrious husbandman, and in general the large farming population of the township may be termed "well-to-do." Water sites, the demand for centers for schools and churches and the retirement of the farmer after having accumulated something for a "rainy day" has brought about the building up of two pleasant little villages within this township, one called Glover, located in the northeast part of the town and West Glover, located in the northwest part of the town. Both have their schools, churches, stores, mills, minor industries and post-offices. Both are beautiful hamlets three and four miles respectively from Barton, a thriving village on the Boston and Maine railroad.

When the proposed celebration of the "Runaway" pond event, reviewed in the front part of this brochure, was talked, the town of Glover enthusiastically took hold of

COMMITTEE FROM GLOVER



This committee in conjunction with the selectmen of Glover and the Greensboro committee have had charge of celebration arrangements.

Nearly all of the bed of "Dry Pond" is on the farm of Mr Corliss.



Top row, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Davis, Fred Corliss. Bottom row, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker

Glover, Vermont, Its Past and Present (continued)

the project and at its town meeting in March, 1910, instructed its selectmen, W. O. King, C. M. Borland, and George Anderson, to provide a suitable marker and have it erected on a proper site in the dry bed of "Run-away" pond, ready for unveiling on June 6, 1910, when the Orleans County Historical Society were to hold a centennial celebration of the famous event, and draw upon the town treasury for whatever funds were needed. A marker suitably lettered was procured and set, to the credit of the

selectmen and the generosity of the voters of Glover. Thus will an event probably never paralleled in the recorded history of all time for uniqueness be permanently marked.

Glover village is incorporated, has electric lights for its streets, sidewalks, a band of its own, and all the varied interests both social and civic of many larger towns. On October 19, 1908, Glover suffered a \$30,000 fire, losing the main business portion of its main street. As is usually the case with such fires, individuals lose heavi-



Old Clark Hotel—A Landmark on the "Dry Pond" Road

SELECTMEN OF GLOVER



From Left to Right

W. O. KING

C. M. BORLAND

G. W. ANDERSON

Who procured, set and are to
present the Memorial Marker and
otherwise make arrangements

COMMITTEE FROM GREENSBORO

From Left to Right

Dr. F. C. Kinney

A. S. Clary

A. C. Chase

Appointed by the Orleans County
Historical Society to assist with
arrangements for the celebration



Glover, Vermont, Its Past and Present (concluded)

ly, but the town is a gainer in the end. So it was with Glover. R. E. Davis, who conducted a general store but was entirely burned out, bought one of the lots just burned and erected a large modern store. Later S. E. King bought another lot and erected another fine store building. Pictures of both buildings and a review of the business interests of this village will be found in this book.



The Old Union House, Glover



The Old Orleans Liberal Institute Building

Roy E. Davis

One of the most successful and largest general stores to be found anywhere in a village the size of Glover, is that conducted by Roy E. Davis in a building erected by him since the fire of 1908 as shown below. Mr. Davis is a young man born and reared in Glover. Persistent hard work and honest dealing has made "The Brown Egg store" what it is.



S. E. King

Another fine country store is that of S. E. King, conducted in what is conceded to be the best building Glover possesses. This building was completed this spring and replaces one burned in October, 1908. Mr. King deals in all kinds of general merchandise but especially solicits butter and egg trade. Mr. King has been a resident of Glover many years and is well and favorably known.



C. A. Kelton

C. A. Kelton began a small meat business in Glover several years ago. By building up a reputation for handling the very best meat and by persistent hustle his business grew to surrounding towns, and he has now opened a model market in the building shown below and put in a line of canned goods, cigars, tobacco, groceries etc. He has demonstrated what hustle can do in a small town.



A. B. Speir

The harness shop conducted by A. B. Speir in Glover is a model of its kind and the extent of his business keeps himself with another harness maker busy early and late. Not only does Mr. Speir make and deal in all kinds of harnesses but deals in horse furnishings of every description. Owing to his growing business an addition to his building (not shown below) was recently necessary.



W. A. Merriam & Son

Glover being primarily a rich farming district, much grain and feed is used. Their wants are well looked after by W. A. Merriam & Son, dealers in feed, flour, grain and seeds. Besides the mill shown in the picture, this firm own a large storehouse nearby, which is often filled to carry their trade over a time of unusual demand for grain and feed.



A. F. Davis

Reference was made in one business sketch to Glover as a rich farming town. A glance at the picture below shows one of the fine farms of the town conducted by a prosperous husbandman. This is the farm of A. F. Davis on the "Dry Pond" road from Glover to Greensboro Bend, and the home of "Wilkes Pride," a handsome stallion with some get of unusual good qualities.



C. S. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips is a taxidermist of more than ordinary skill. His ability has been widely heralded and work has poured into his shop from Florida to Maine. For correct-



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Birds-eye View of Glover, Vermont